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ASSIST SYSTEM AND
METHOD OF APPLYING
SAME**
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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 15, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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